



## Brian Harold Dittman

April 20, 1952 - May 4, 2026

Brian Harold Dittman, 74, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2026, in Jacksonville, Florida. Brian was born on April 20, 1952, the son of Harold and Alta Marie (Wesemann) Dittman of Hampshire, Illinois. Brian was a 1970 graduate of Hampshire High School. A gifted musician, Brian earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Illinois State University, Class of 1974. Brian married the love of his life, Katherine Milewski on November 17, 1974. They shared 51 wonderful years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and devotion to family.

Brian's career with the Xerox Corporation spanned 43 years and took him and his family from Illinois to Carrollton, Texas in 1983. His dedication, work ethic, and kindness left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Brian enjoyed many hobbies and passions throughout his life including farming, camping, boating, symphony music, creating home videos, photography, model trains, and visiting family around the country. He could skillfully play the piano, accordion, clarinet, and bass clarinet, and he had the remarkable ability to pick up nearly any instrument and play it. Music remained one of the great joys of his life. In retirement, he loved traveling in his dream RV and exploring all the beauty this nation has to offer. Brian especially loved following the careers and lifetime adventures of his children, as well as the activities and sporting events of his grandchildren.

Brian is survived by his wife Kathy, his children Eric (Erin) Dittman of Norfolk, Virginia; his daughter Angela (Tom) Hodge of Jacksonville, Florida; his sister, Mary Henk of Hampshire Illinois; and his brother, Mark (Kristin) Dittman of Henderson, Nevada. Brian will be missed by his loving grandchildren Neil, Olivia, and Aiden Dittman and Logan Hodge, as well as his nieces, nephews, cousins, and family friends.

Brian will be remembered for sharing comical stories followed by his own deep belly laugh, his musical talent, gentle spirit, and love for his family. Brian will be laid to rest at the Hampshire Center Cemetery. A celebration of life is being planned in Hampshire at a later date.

In memory of Brian, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*I loved working with Brian. He always had a new pun ready to make us laugh, no matter what kind of day we were having. He was incredibly passionate about his work, but even more so about his family.*

*I remember him showing me videos of Eric landing on a carrier and proudly sharing updates about Angela moving across the country. Those moments made it so clear how much he loved and celebrated his family.*

*I was so excited for him when he began the process of selling everything—his home and all—and taking that leap to buy the RV. He shared so many pictures with me as it all came together. You could just see how thrilled he was to start that new adventure, stepping away from the corporate world to travel alongside his beautiful wife.*

*Brian was an amazing mentor and truly brilliant. I learned so much from him, and I feel incredibly grateful to have had the chance to work with him for so many years.*

*He made a lasting impact on so many of us, and he will be deeply missed.*

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**Christina** - May 18 at 04:35 PM

DJ

“ *I remember Brian from High School. He was a few years younger and sister Mary was one year older. Condolences to family and friends. R.I.P.*

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**Darrel Johnson** - May 15 at 04:45 PM



“ We are sending our condolences and prayers for the family during this difficult time. I really enjoyed getting to know Brian over the past years, as well as, the laughs we shared and talking about our adventures. He will be truly missed and will miss seeing you both when we returned from our summer travels, back to Texas.

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**Jim Mortus** - May 14 at 07:17 PM

RH

We are so sorry to hear of Brian's passing and send condolences for his family. We so enjoyed the few years as your winter neighbor in Rockport. You made our weekly bingo games so fun with your antics. You will be missed

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**Robin Huffman** - May 14 at 07:30 PM

LH

“ Sending love & condolences to you Mark, Kristin, and all of your family. So hard to say goodbye to someone that's always been an important part of your life. I'm sorry I never got to meet him, but if he was anything like you, Mark, he was quite a special guy! You were certainly blessed with a family filled with love, and hopefully all of the happy memories of your childhood, growing up with your big brother, will bring you some comfort. Big hugs💕💕

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**Linda Hicks** - May 14 at 06:57 PM

IW

“ Dear Mark and Kristin,  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your brother.  
Although we didn't have the opportunity to meet Brian, we have  
enjoyed all of the stories Mark has shared about Brian's life and  
growing up together on the family farm. Enjoy all of the wonderful  
memories of a life well lived.  
Our condolences to the Dittman Family.  
Sincerely, Ian and Wina Demeyere

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Ian and Wina - May 14 at 01:50 PM